

My Tuba Playing

Handbook.



Name of Musician:



HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOUR TUBA

AT HOME AND AT SCHOOL



Our instruments are expensive pieces of equipment
which need to be looked after very carefully!

Here are the

Four Golden Rules

we will follow

to keep our Instruments happy!

I WILL KEEP MY TUBA
SAFE!

I will make sure I keep my instrument in its case at all times when I am not playing it. Even the smallest of knocks could damage my instrument and make it unplayable.



I WILL KEEP MY TUBA COOL AND
DRY!

I will make sure I keep my instrument away from
hot radiators, and make sure it doesn't get wet.
I will never leave my instrument outside.



I WILL TRY TO PLAY MY
TUBA EVERY DAY!

I will try to play my instrument whenever I can, even if it is for just five or ten minutes.

If I play my instrument regularly it will stay in much better condition than if I leave it in it's case for a long time.



**THE PARTS OF MY
TUBA!**



Mouthpiece

Water Key

Bell

Valves

BEFORE EVEN OPENING MY
TUBA CASE I WILL:

Make sure my case is the right way up so my Tuba won't fall out when I open it.

I will also make sure my Tuba is taken out of it's case on a flat stable surface.



BEFORE I START PLAYING

MY TUBA I SHOULD:

1. Check that all three of my valves are working- If they are slow or sticking or I haven't played for a few days, I will need to oil them.

2. Put my Mouthpiece inside my Tuba gently, being really careful not to push it in too hard.

3. Blow some air thorough my Tuba and open the water keys (A) to check there is no water inside my trumpet.

A




4. Warm myself and my Tuba up by blowing some long notes and then some short notes. I can practice some warm up exercises that my teacher has given me.



AFTER I HAVE FINISHED PLAYING

MY TUBA I SHOULD:

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1. Hold each water key open (A) and blow any moisture out of my Tuba.
 2. Carefully take out your mouthpiece and put it in its special compartment in your case so it doesn't get bumped. If you can't get your mouthpiece out, ask a teacher for some help.

3. Wipe down my Tuba with a soft cloth to remove any dirt and fingerprints.

4. Put my Tuba in its case and fasten the latches so it doesn't fall out. I will make sure I don't keep anything else in my case as this may damage my Tuba.

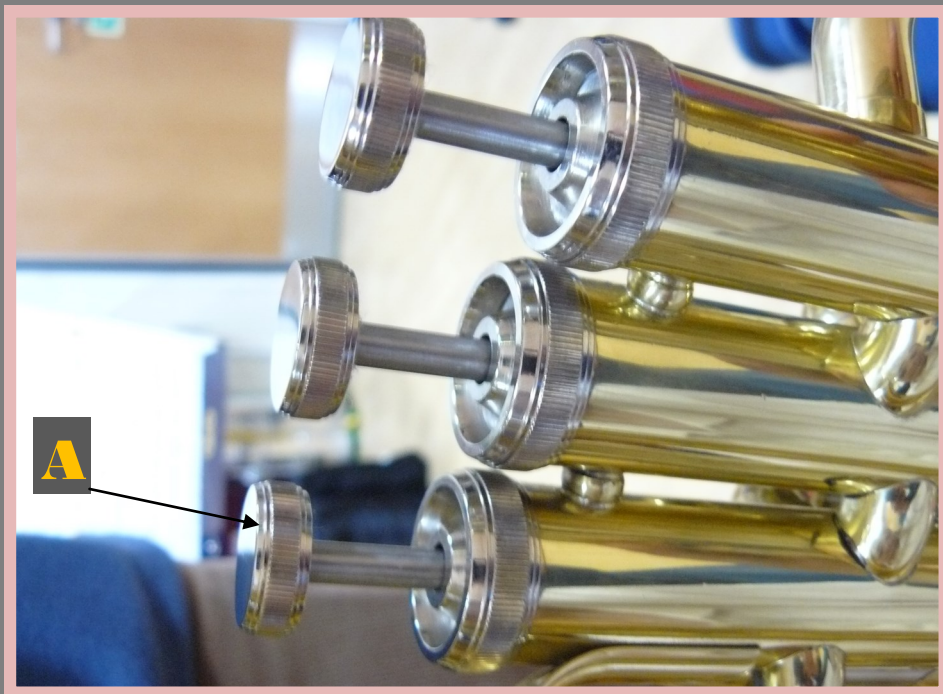
I will keep my Tuba in a safe place when I have finished playing.



**THIS IS HOW TO OIL
YOUR TUBA VALVES!**

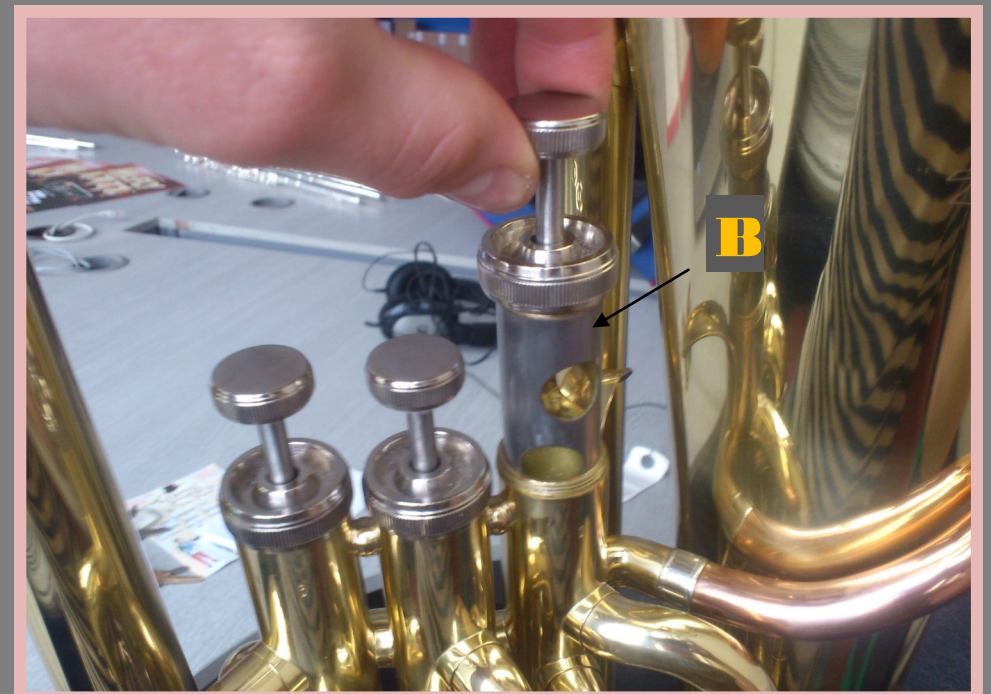
STEP 1:

Starting with valve number 1 (that's the one closest to the mouthpiece) unscrew the cap at the top of the valve case (A) in an anti-clockwise direction.



STEP 2:

Gently lift the Valve nearly all the way out of its holder, just enough so you can see the metal part with the holes in it (B). If you take your valve all of the way out, be careful not to drop it.



STEP 3:

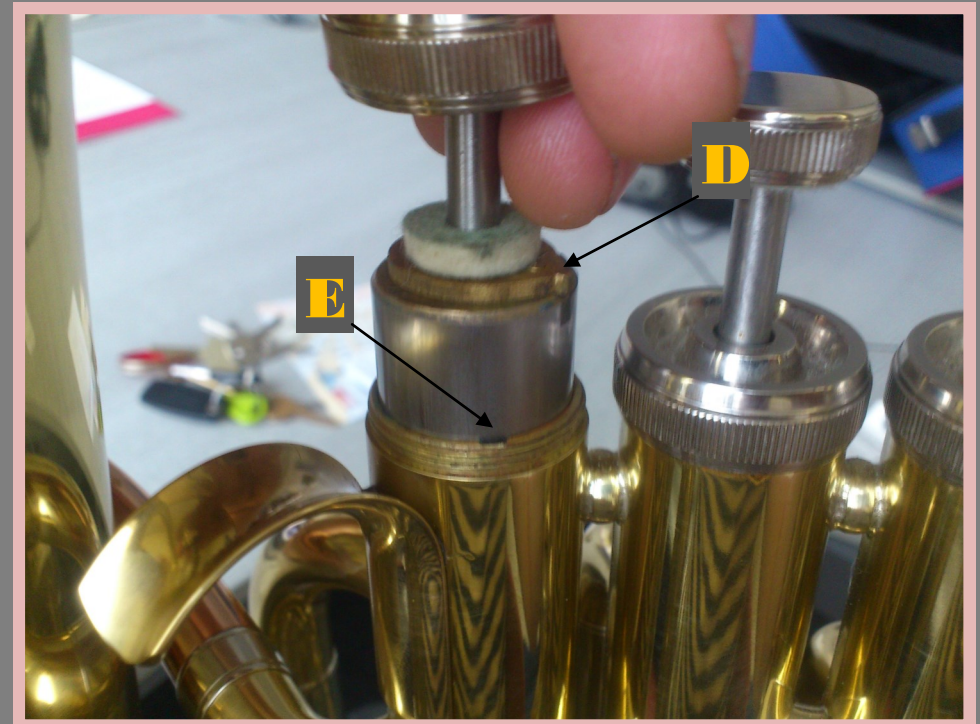
Place 5 or 6 drops of valve oil on to the smooth part of the Valve around the holes (C).

You don't need to squeeze your bottle of Valve Oil. Make sure you put the lid back on your Valve Oil straight away.



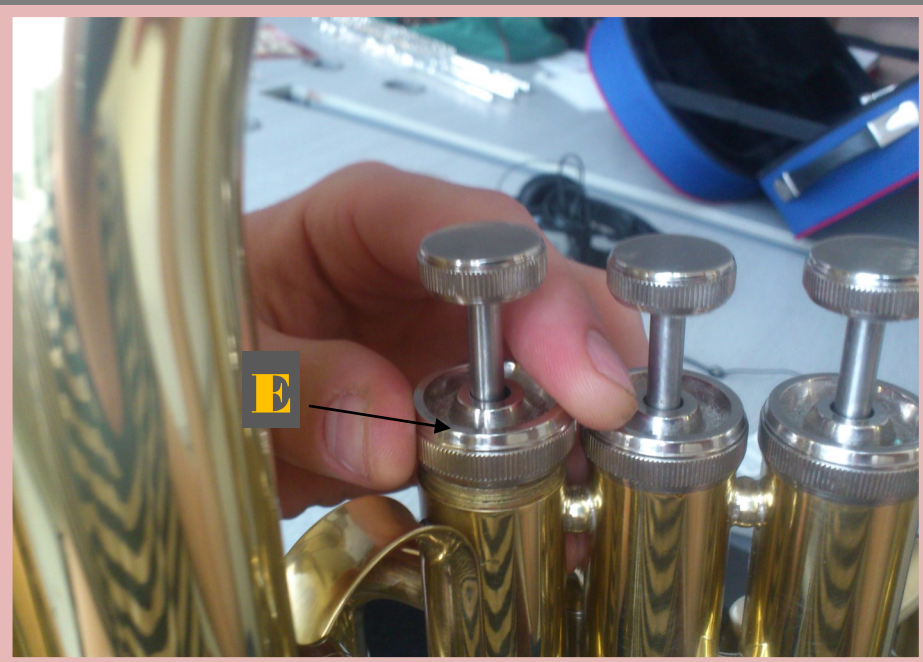
STEP 4:

Place your Valve gently back in to its holder. Twist the Valve clockwise using the top Valve cap until the small part that sticks out (D) slots in to the indent (E)



STEP 5:

Screw the bottom cap (E) back in to place, then press the valve up and down and give your Instrument a blow to make sure all of the valves have been put in the right way.



STEP 6:

JOB DONE!

If you are having any problems take your Tuba to your music teacher straight away.

If you can't blow any air through your Tubayou have probably put one of the valves in the wrong way.

REMEMBER!

Valve oil is poisonous. Make sure you wash your hands immediately after oiling your valves, and don't leave your Valve Oil in reach of little Brothers and Sisters.